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1. USDEL MAY APPROVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN EDUCATION IF IN BEST JUDGMENT ESSENTIALLY SAME AS 94 EX/11 DRAFT.
2. IN COMMENTING ON DRAFT QUESTIONNAIRE USDEL MAY MAKE USE OF FOLLOWING WHICH IS BASED UPON STUDY OF 94 EX/CR/3.
3. WE COMMEND SECRETARIAT FOR DRAFTING MODEL QUESTIONNAIRE THAT REFLECTS INTENT OF 17TH GENERAL CONFERENCE AND MEETS REQUIREMENTS OF FLEXIBILITY, SPECIFICITY AND SIMPLICITY.
4. WHILE WE APPRECIATE RATIONALE FOR DELIBERATELY AVOIDING ALL REFERENCE TO LEGAL PROVISION OR ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS (RE: PARA. 6 OF 94.EX/CR/3), WE BELIEVE MEMBER STATES SHOULD NOT BE DISCOURAGED FROM REPORTING RELEVANT

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE

DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD BUT INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO REPORT AS FULLY AS THEY MAY WISH. SUCH REPORTING MAY PROVIDE CONSIDERABLE INFORMATION, ESPECIALLY OVER A SPAN OF TIME, REGARDING RELATED SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS

AND ATTITUDINAL CHANGES INDICATING A MORE GENERAL AWARENESS AND ACCEPTANCE OF PRINCIPLES OF NON-DISCRIMINATION, EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY AND DEMOCRATIZATION OF EDUCATION.

5. WE ARE PLEASED TO NOTE THAT DISCRIMINATION IS BROADLY DEFINED AND FOLLOWED BY SEVERAL PRINCIPLES THAT SEEK TO ENCOURAGE NON DISCRIMINATION IN EDUCATION (PARA. 7 OF 94 EX/CR/3 AND P. 8 OF THE UNESCO RECOMMENDATION). WE ARE CONCERNED, HOWEVER, TO FIND NO QUESTIONS SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSING ISSUE OF DISCRIMINATION IN OFFERING OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.

6. WHILE WE FULLY ESPOUSE PRINCIPLE OF SELECTIVITY IN DRAWING UP THESE MODEL QUESTIONNAIRES FOR FUTURE REPORTING, WE BELIEVE THIS PRINCIPLE SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED IN A RESTRICTIVE SENSE. WE RECOMMEND THAT MEMBER STATES SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO REPORT MORE FULLY IN NARRATIVE OR ANY FORM THEY WISH, UPON ANY ASPECT OF CONVENTION OR RECOMMENDATION THEY CONSIDER SIGNIFICANT IN THE DEVELOPMENT GREATER CIVIL RIGHTS IN EDUCATION IN THEIR COUNTRY.

7. RE: PART II OF 94 EX/CR/3, WE FIND TIMETABLE PROPOSED FOR THE THIRD CONSULTATION WITH MEMBER STATES APPROPRIATE, HOWEVER SUGGEST ABBREVIATED SEQUENCE BETWEEN FIRST (1976) AND SECOND (1977) MEETING OF COMMITTEE IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE ITS WORK AND ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR FINAL REPORT TO BE CIRCULATED TO MEMBER STATES PRIOR TO EXBD REVIEW IN 1978. IN EXAMINING REPLIES RECEIVED FROM MEMBER STATES PARA 10, (III) OF 94 EX/CR/3, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT COMMITTEE SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO PAY PARTICULAR REGARD TO DIFFERENCES IN STRUCTURE, ORIENTATION AND CONTENT OF EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS OF MEMBER STATES.

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8. SINCE DEPARTMENT HAS ONLY JUST RECEIVED DRAFT QUESTIONNAIRE SUBMITTED BY CHAIRMAN DELL'ORO MAINI (94 EX/CR/DR.2 R V.), THE ROUGH-REVIEW OF THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN IMPOSSIBLE. THE U.S. ELEMENTS, HOWEVER, SHOULD DRAW ATTENTION TO PARA 9.1 WHERE WE FIND SECOND PART OF QUESTION, DRAWING RELATIONSHIP OF TOTAL ENROLLMENT RATE TO COST OF HIGHER EDUCATION, MEANINGLESS AND TROUBLESOME. SISCO

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